

holding a public hearing and receiving public comment from local residents. The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution supporting enactment of this legislation. The legislation has the strong support of local environmental advocacy and preservation groups. The proposed additions were studied by POST in accordance with National Park Service criteria and in consultation with National Park Service staff. The study found that the land meets the criteria for additions to units of the National Park Service. The study found that the properties would preserve significant natural, scenic and recreational resources that are equal to or are unparalleled in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Preserving our country's unique natural areas is one of our highest national priorities, and it is one of my highest priorities as a Member of Congress. We must save these unique and rare areas for our children and grandchildren today or they will be lost forever. Adding these new lands to the GGNRA will provide greater recreational opportunities for the public to enjoy and will protect these fragile natural areas from encroaching development or other inappropriate uses which would destroy the scenic beauty and natural character of this key part of the California coast.

I first introduced this legislation in the 107th Congress. Throughout that Congress and during the subsequent 108th Congress, significant progress has been made on this bill. Concerns were raised and have been thoroughly addressed throughout its consideration. I am hopeful now that the House will expeditiously move this bill to enactment. I am pleased once again to be joined by Senator FEINSTEIN in introducing similar legislation in the Senate. Her leadership and support on this issue as a member of the Senate Energy Committee has been invaluable to this bill's progress. I am also proud to be joined by many members of the Bay Area Congressional delegation in their continued support of this bill, including Ms. PELOSI, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. LEE, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. STARK, Mrs. WOOLSEY, Mr. HONDA.

I strongly urge my colleagues' consideration and support of the Rancho Corral de Tierra Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the following vote on Thursday, January 6, 2005, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall Vote 7: I would have voted "Nay" on agreeing to the objection to the certification of the Ohio electoral votes. While I do not protest the outcome of the Ohio electoral votes, irregularities in the 2000 and 2004 elections, especially in Florida and Ohio, make it clear that we need to do a lot more to give voters confidence that every vote is accurately counted. The 2004 State of Washington gubernatorial race shows how narrow the outcome of a race can be even with millions of votes cast. The 109th Congress must act to

ensure that no future elections are mired in controversy and that the United States provides a clear and strong example of democracy.

COMMENDING GARY FRONTIERS SERVICE CLUB

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and reflect on his life and work, we are reminded of the challenges that democracy poses to us and the delicate nature of liberty. Dr. King's life, and, unfortunately, his untimely death, reminds us that we must continually work and, if necessary, fight to secure and protect our freedoms. Dr. King, in his courage to act, his willingness to meet challenges, and his ability to achieve, embodied all that is good and true in the battle for liberty.

The Gary Frontiers Service Club, founded in 1952, sponsors this annual memorial breakfast. This year the Gary Frontiers Service Club will pay tribute to four local individuals who have unselfishly contributed to improving the human condition of others in the City of Gary for decades. Those individuals, who will be named Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Marchers at this year's breakfast, include Dr. Clarence W. Boone, Sr. MD, Richard Comer, Dharathula (Dolly) Millender, and Sgt. Louis Stewart. Mr. Johnathan Comer will be honored with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award. Mr. Comer has dedicated his life to fighting for civil rights. These distinguished individuals from Indiana's First Congressional District will be recognized during the 26th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast on Monday, January 17, 2005, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana. The invited guest speaker will be The Honorable Mitch Daniels, Governor of the State of Indiana.

This year the Gary Frontiers Club also will honor Richard Grey, the Post Tribune's North Lake editor and columnist for his outstanding service to the Gary Frontiers Service Club, Inc. in publicizing the Martin Luther King Jr. Marchers and Drum Major Awards. Richard passed away on November 25, 2004 at the age of 53. Mrs. Audrey Grey will accept his award. Ms. Sydney Eastern, a senior at Wirt High School in Gary, Indiana will be honored for receiving first place among all participants in the State of Indiana in the 2005 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest. Ms. Gloria Griffin is Sydney's teacher. Though very different in nature, the achievement of these individuals reflects many of the same attributes that Dr. King possessed, as well as the values he advocated. Like Dr. King, these individuals saw challenges and rose to the occasion. Each one of the honored guests' greatness has been found in their willingness to serve with "a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love." They set goals and worked to achieve them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the Gary Frontiers Service Club President, Mr. Floyd Donaldson, Oliver Gilliam, Melvin Ward, Clorius L. Lay, and all other members of the service club for their initiative, determination

and dedication to making Northwest Indiana a better place for all who live and work there.

IN HONOR OF JOEL BROOKS RETIREMENT FROM THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Joel David Brooks retirement as the Executive Director of the Southwest Region for the American Jewish Congress. I join my fellow colleagues in honoring the 40 years of service that Mr. Brooks has given to the local community and the rest of the world.

I am honored to give my complements to a man who has pursued the improvement of human rights for people all across the globe. He has played such a great role in improving lives and families, as I encourage others to continue his dedication to the betterment of our fellow man.

I congratulate the Brooks family on this momentous occasion. I wish Mr. Brooks a well-earned retirement, and am sure that he will be successful in all of his future endeavors during his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO WILEY PRICE, JR., AFRICAN-AMERICAN RADIO PIONEER

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Wiley Price, Jr., an African-American radio Pioneer, for his being posthumously inducted into the Greater St. Louis Association of Black Journalists' Hall of Fame, on September 25, 2004.

In 1944, Mr. Price joined radio station WTMV, becoming the first African-American radio disc jockey to work on the air in St. Louis. In the words of St. Louis writer and media historian, Bernie Hayes:

"Wiley Price was one of the most original and imaginative announcers of the 20th century. He was far before his time for some, but right on time for us. He was a leading figure in the postwar radio movement, and developed a unique, distinctive delivery and set the standard for those of us who came later. He brought the sound of Black American music to millions of white teenagers while giving hundreds of artists their first recognition."

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Price crusaded against the lack of respect and recognition for an entire people. He led his listeners to a new musical level and his influence spread over many generations, touching different people of all races. The fact that he has been inducted into another "Hall of Fame" is proof of the depth of his influence.

His religious background and his broad appreciation for jazz and blues allowed him to bring great things to music and the entertainment industry.